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SUBJECT: TURKISH IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE NEW CCMS PROJECTS

1. BELOW REPORT FILED IN ATHENS BY US CCMS COORDINATOR WARD
AS FOLLOW-UP TO VISIT IN ANKARA.

2. IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING INCREASED INTEREST IN CCMS AS
MEANS OF DEMONSTRATING COMMITMENT TO COLLABORATION WITHIN
NATO AND ENHANCING TURKISH NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
EFFORTS, REPORTED SEPTTEL, GOT OFFICIALS INDICATED SEVERAL
SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH THEY BELIEVE NEW PILOT STUDIES WOULD
BE OF INTEREST TO TURKEY. IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER OF PRIORITY,
THE FOLLOWING WERE IDEAS PRESENTED TO CCMS COORDINATOR AND
EMBOFF DURING ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS IN MFA,
MTA, AND TUBITAK.

- PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH RAPID URBAN EXPANSION;
- EROSION AND OTHER LOSS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND;
- HEALTH EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTANTS;
- PROTECTION OF ESTUARINE RESOURCES;
- PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESERVE AREAS;

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- IMPACT OF INDUSTRY ON SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS;
- USE OF LIGNITE;
- AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS OF SOLAR ENERGY;
- FOREST FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS;
- GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT;
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF GEOTHERMAL USE.

3. US CCMS COORDINATOR COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE INTEREST EXPRESSED BY BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR PROBLEMS AND THE FACT THAT THIS ITEM WAS FAVORED BY SEVERAL DELEGATES AT THE JULY 3-4 AD HOC MEETING FOR A ROUND TABLE TOPIC, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO BEGIN TO FLESH OUT THE IDEA FOR A PROPOSED 1979 SPRING ROUND TOPIC. SEVERAL ASPECTS HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED IN BRUSSELS, THE CAPRI ENERGY WORKSHOP, AND GREECE AND TURKEY: (1) THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS, (2) EROSION AND OTHER LOSSES OF FERTILE LAND, (3) THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES IN AGRICULTURAL APPLICATIONS, AND (4) LAND USE PLANNING POLICIES RELATING URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO SOCIETAL NEEDS FOR FARMS AND NEEDS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESERVES.

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